

# BRAUNSTON village NEWS

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**Welcoming Nurse Maggie (see page 7 )**

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St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

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**REGISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

**BRAUNSTON**

February 5th—Marriage Renewal of Vows after 10 years

**Pauline and Andy Canning**



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### Forthcoming meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated, meetings are held in the library at Braunston Village hall at 7.30pm

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 6th March | Full Council Meeting |
| 3rd April | Full Council Meeting |

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website  
[www.braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bpc)**

## FLOODLIGHTING 2017



We must apologise for inadvertently missing the following dedication from the previous edition of the BVN: -

19th December - Gertie Brinkman - Sending our love to you on your birthday, miss you so much. Lesley, Amelia, Mathew and girls x.

### February's floodlighting

10th February - \* In memory of Mansel Davies

12th February - \* Gordon & Helena Lane Anniversary

14th February - \* Show the Love. Wear a green heart and talk about climate change.

18th February – Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Robert. (Bob) Love from Barbara and all the family

19th February - \* In loving memory of my brother Rowan on his birthday. Miss you loads.

Duncan x

23rd February - \* Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum

26th February - \* To celebrate the 21st birthdays of the Herlihy grandchildren – Kristian and Anne

### March's floodlighting so far ...

15th March - \* In memory of Ada Littlemore, Boatwoman

20th March - \* For Richard, with love on his birthday

26th March - \* Wedding Anniversary for Judith & Nigel Sykes

27th March - \* Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary

28th March - \* Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch

\* = Friends of All Saints – **A huge Thank You**

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – **18<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### Floodlighting

If you wish to have All Saints' floodlit for a special occasion it is very helpful if you could use one of the request forms from the table at the back of the church. The current fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words. The completed form with the donation can then be left at the Rectory or at the village Post Office.

Please ensure that your request is submitted in good time before the BVN closing date of the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**DON'T PANIC—SARAH IS ON PAGE 6 AND 7 THIS MONTH!!!!**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFORENDUM**

After four years of work Braunston now has a Neighbourhood Plan which, along with the planning documents for Daventry District, West Northamptonshire and the country as a whole form the development plan for deciding planning applications made in Braunston.

The result of the referendum:

Number cast in favour of a Yes    434    (85.09%)  
Number cast in favour of a No      76    (14.01%)

Thank you to all who have worked to achieve this for Braunston. Amongst others this includes Bob Keith our planning consultant, the shops and cafes in the village who have acted as information and collection points for returning questionnaire forms, the editors of the BVN and the village website who have allowed us to include more than 15 different news and information notices about the plan over the years, the volunteers of the Working Groups and Steering Group and to the wider population of Braunston who have responded and supported over all this time with comments in writing and in conversations at the events we have held.

## SARAH'S LETTER



### On Jungle and Kingdom: A Thought for Lent

Last month I enjoyed the BBC series "Spy in the Wild". If you missed it and can "catch up" it is worth it! Realistic robots of animals, rocks and dumps of dung containing spy cameras were placed among animals of various species. There were casualties. Spy tortoise was trodden on by an elephant which put a devastating end to his covert filming – spy crocodile nearly sank without trace- but mostly they survived being sniffed, crunched, dropped and kicked to produce incredible footage of crocodiles, wolves, penguins, meerkats, chimps, orang-utans, elephants among others. It was great stuff.

The program drew human conclusions of course. The most obvious one was "Aren't they like us!" And yes, we saw lots of familiar behaviour, not least the fact that each community had rules understood by all members and with consequences when broken. Ask the wolf cub who would not submit to authority or the young meerkat expelled from her pack for sexual misconduct! But we also saw resourcefulness, grief, problem solving, care – and less flatteringly cheating, stealing, rule breaking, fighting, selfishness, showing off, bullying, promiscuity, getting nasty when thwarted, sulking. ...Just like us. Or maybe we are just like them.

That fits the biblical perspective of us as intelligent animals with the selfish instincts that exhibit themselves so charmingly but containing also the image of God who asks us to suppress the selfish survival stuff in the interests of not just our own flourishing but that of the whole of creation, the environment and all the species of the earth. Being flesh and no different in that from other species, some of whom share most of our DNA, we have sometimes failed spectacularly (and indeed have often been viciously worse than animals.) But Western civilisation speaks of humans trying to look higher and deeper; to follow the mind of God as shown to us through Jesus, and despite our basic instincts to seek to bring to life justice, mercy and generosity, trusting and hoping that God's Kingdom way is a kinder and better way than the law of the jungle. Whether you consider yourself Christian or not it is this that underpins society still and forms our understanding

of the need for equality, respect, tolerance and care for the planet. The danger we face is that as fewer people understand God's intentions for us and more put their own desires before his Kingdom values we will see a return to the jungle where the strongest, most articulate, cleverest and richest prevail even more than they do already.

Whether you like the church or not (tragically not immune from jungle behaviour in its long history,) have a look at what Jesus asks of us. Look at the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 and 6) It is arguably easier to be animal than human but we are called to more than we usually manage to be. Why not read it during Lent?  
Sarah

## **WELCOMING MAGGIE**

If ever God's hand was on an appointment, then it is on this one! When she saw the advertisement for Braunston's Parish Nurse Maggie Murray was a GP Practice Nurse in Glasgow. But with remarkable speed and ease, characteristic of God's will being accomplished, she and her husband Simon arrived in late December to join us here.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was my delight to commission Maggie for her work among us in the village. In church terms commissioning is all about "Sending out" and so in God's name and under the authority of all Saints Church Maggie is now officially launched!  
We were delighted to welcome to the commissioning service representatives from Parish Nursing UK as well as members of the Parish Nurse steering committee. You may recognise in the photograph (Front Cover) former Community Nurse Jane Moore and Dr Geoff Waghorn, both residents of Braunston.

Maggie has already made a difference. I'm hearing of real relief at her presence among the terminally ill, gratitude at her ability to join the dots of NHS provision to coordinate resources in a way that most of us cannot do, and new courage to make small changes that make a big difference to quality of life. I am confident that Maggie with her skill and her faith will be a blessing to many in Braunston. Welcome Maggie!



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|------------------------------|--|
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| 4.00pm - 4.30pm              | 5.45pm - 6.45pm                          |

**Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-5 yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.00pm

**Pre Syllabus Ballet (5-6 yrs)**  
5.00pm - 5.45pm

**Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)**  
5.45pm - 6.30pm

**Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)**  
6.30pm - 7.15pm

**Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)**  
7.15pm - 7.45pm

**Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)**  
7.45pm - 8.15pm

**Adult Ballet (no exp req)**  
8.15pm - 9.15pm

**Friday**

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Prima Ballerinas 1 (0-5 yrs) | Gymnastics (all ages) |
| 4.00pm - 4.30pm              | 5.00pm - 5.30pm       |

**Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)**  
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**Grade 4 Ballet (15 yrs+)**  
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## JENNI'S JOTTINGS

Just when you thought you had ‘escaped’ reading my Jottings, here I am being a Page 10 girl instead of my usual Page 7!!! We have such a busy magazine this month that some of us have had to be shuffled about.

Have you noticed the green hearts around the Village? I noticed the large one at the Village Hall when I went to vote on Thursday. Also on Sunday we were treated to some delicious heart shaped biscuits decorated with green icing and butterflies by our Junior Church. Lets all Share the Love not just on Valentines Day but always.

All around are the early signs of Spring, whilst not wishing my life away I wish it would hurry up. I have noticed lots of snowdrops around the village and also many trees and bushes are beginning to show green buds.

Have you met Maggie, our Parish Nurse yet? She and her family are lovely people and a great addition to our village.

Thank you to all the contributors to the magazine for getting the articles in by the new cut—off date (18th). I am sure you will receive your magazine before the beginning of the new month.

Hopefully, you won’t find any awful mistakes in this issue but our chief proof reader is on holiday just leaving the two of us. So sorry in advance.

Don’t forget to let me know if you are going to hold any events, fund raising etc so that I can publicise and add to the diary of events so we don’t have any clashes (See 1st April! It isn’t a joke)!!!!

Enjoy March and see you next month  
Jen xx

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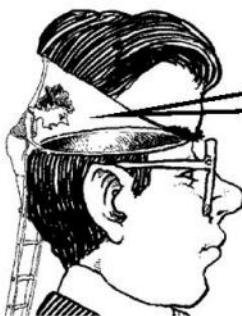
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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS MARCH 2017**

| <b>Day</b> |    | <b>Time</b> | <b>Event</b>                               |
|------------|----|-------------|--|
| Wed        | 1  | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                         |
|            |    | 19:30       | Team Ash Wednesday Service Holy Cross      |
| Fri        | 3  | 19:00       | Sung Compline                              |
| Sat        | 4  | 17:00       | Youth Church                               |
| Sun        | 5  | 09:15       | Holy Communion <b>A</b>                    |
|            |    | 11:00       | Parish Communion <b>B</b>                  |
|            |    | 18:30       | Evensong - <b>B</b>                        |
| Tue        | 7  | 09:00       | Morning prayer - <b>B</b>                  |
| Wed        | 8  | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                         |
| Fri        | 10 | 19:30       | Annual Parochial Church Meeting - <b>B</b> |
| Sat        | 11 | 15:00       | Ringers Guild service and tea              |
| Sat        | 11 | 17:00       | Youth Church                               |
| Sun        | 12 | 08:00       | Holy Communion <b>B</b>                    |
|            |    | 09:15       | Holy Communion <b>A</b>                    |
|            |    | 11:00       | Family Service <b>B</b>                    |
| Mon        | 13 | 00:00       | [No Events]                                |
| Tue        | 14 | 09:00       | Morning prayer - <b>B</b>                  |
| Wed        | 15 | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                         |
| Sat        | 18 | 17:00       | Youth Church                               |
| Sun        | 19 | 08:00       | Holy Communion <b>B</b>                    |
|            |    | 09:15       | Holy Communion <b>A</b>                    |
|            |    | 11:00       | Holy Communion & Junior Church <b>B</b>    |
| Tue        | 21 | 09:00       | Morning prayer - <b>B</b>                  |
| Wed        | 22 | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                         |
| Sat        | 25 | 17:00       | Youth Church                               |
| Sun        | 26 | 07:00       | Holy Communion <b>B</b>                    |
|            |    | 08:15       | Breakfast Service <b>A</b>                 |
|            |    | 10:00       | Family Communion <b>B</b>                  |
|            |    | 17:00       | No Labels Worship                          |
| Mon        | 27 | 13:00       | U3A in Parish room                         |
| Tue        | 28 | 08:00       | Morning prayer - <b>B</b>                  |
| Wed        | 29 | 09:30       | School Easter Service                      |
|            |    | 12:30       | Peace at lunchtime                         |

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS MARCH 2017

|           |      |  |
|-----------|------|--|
| Wednesday | 1st  | 19.00 Yoga                                   |
|           |      | 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00           |
| Thursday  | 2nd  | Fishing Club Bingo:                          |
| Saturday  | 4th  | Twinners Spring Table Top Sale               |
| Monday    | 6th  | Explorer Scouts: Council Meeting             |
| Tuesday   | 7th  | 19.30 W.I.                                   |
| Wednesday | 8th  | 19.00 Yoga                                   |
|           |      | 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00           |
| Thursday  | 9th  | Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Meeting             |
| Friday    | 10th | Youth Club                                   |
|           | 11th | Jetty Field Gardening                        |
| Monday    | 13th | Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts               |
| Tuesday   | 14th | Royal British Legion Mtg.: Beavers           |
| Wednesday | 15th | 19.00 Yoga                                   |
|           |      | 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00           |
| Thursday  | 16th | Fishing Club Bingo                           |
| Monday    | 20th | Explorer Scouts                              |
| Tuesday   | 21st | Beavers: History Society                     |
| Wednesday | 22nd | Royal British Legion Lunch 19.00 Yoga        |
|           |      | 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00           |
| Thursday  | 23rd | Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Community Gardening |
| Friday    | 24th | Mobile Library: Youth Club                   |
|           | 25th | Cinema Club                                  |
| Monday    | 27th | 14.00 Friendly Club                          |
| Tuesday   | 28th | Beavers: BVGA Talk                           |

**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION**  
**Gardening together in Braunston**  
**MARCH EVENTS**

**Braunston Village Gardens Association**  
**Gardening together in Braunston**  
**March Events**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**  
Village Hall – Planning Meeting – all welcome

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 11am to 12pm and every Sunday until June.**

Village Hall - **Garden Store OPEN** – all welcome. Please come along and buy your garden composts, canes and much more.  
Price lists are available from the Community Café and BVGA committee members.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10am to 12pm**

Village Hall – **Community Gardening** – all welcome – our focus will be the Jubilee Garden, Herb Garden and the Village Hall car park borders.

**Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm to 9.00pm.**

Village Hall – **Gardening Talk - Tickets £3** and available from the Community Café and BVGA committee members. (See opposite)  
**Speaker – Christine Vick** from the National Herb Centre.

**Talk title – Growing and Using Herbs**

**There will be plants for sale.**

**2017 OPEN GARDENS – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** We like to include a wide range of gardens, all shapes, sizes and styles to show off the variety of gardening taking place in Braunston. This year we know of 3 new gardens that plan to open. If you would like to open your garden to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support please contact Kate. The event raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We look forward to meeting you at our events. For more information please contact Kate Mawer [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 01788 890340.

**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION**  
**Gardening together in Braunston**

## **HERB GARDENING IN BRAUNSTON**

Following a year of preparation and planting the BVGA are looking forward to the launch of the  
**Jubilee Garden Help Yourself Herb Garden.**

To mark this event we have invited **Christine Vick** from the **National Herb Centre**, Warmington near Banbury to give a talk on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall.

The talk title **Growing and Using Herbs** will provide Braunston gardeners and your friends with the opportunity to find out more about this wide ranging and fascinating group of plants from an enthusiastic speaker and expert in the field.

**Tickets cost £3** and are available from The Community café and all BVGA committee members. (See contact details below).

On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm** please join us for a visit to the **National Herb Centre** near Banbury and take part in a guided **Hedgerow and Herb Walk** around the centre followed by herb cake and a hot drink.

This visit will **cost £8**. We will be travelling in members cars to the venue.

We look forward to meeting you at these and our other events.

For more information please contact Kate Mawer  
[mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 01788 890340.

## **THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March in the Village Hall, 7.30pm**

**Speaker: Tim Coghlan**

### **“EVELYN’S WAR”**

**The 1943 Diary of Evelyn Hunt one of the IW (Idle Women) who worked canal boats during WW2. A fascinating insight into the work, the women and the canal system in the 1940’s**

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## **HEALTH WALKS**

Put a Spring back in your step by coming along and joining in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.

Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm on Fridays the 24th and 31st March

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

## OUR VILLAGE HALL



### BRAUNSTON AT ITS BEST

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 11.00am – 3.00pm**

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MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH, SEE YOU IN MAY.

### Quote of the month

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done.

One is called Yesterday and the other is called Tomorrow. Today is the right day to Love, Believe, Do and mostly Live!

*Dalai Lama XIV*

## BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Saturday 18/2/17

Seventeen of us met up for the drive to Badby where we parked cars and set off through the lovely old village up past the church then off left along a muddy track which leads to the woods. Just a little bit of mud on the slippery slope at the end of the track where several members did their Torvil and Deane impression, and then a quagmire all along the path alongside the forest. This walk is amongst the best in Northamptonshire and normally the views over the magnificent Fawsley park are to die for but today with a thick mist we were lucky if we could see each other. Our route took us over the Tree lined summit and dropped down through the park to reach the road that runs past Fawsley Hall with its picturesque lakes. All along the track were drifts of snowdrops showing that Spring is almost upon us. We passed a fantastic house with a stone built conservatory and a view of the rolling countryside all around. After admiring the snowdrops, we turned left along another track passing the Granary, an old house with a cafe, sadly shut this time of year, and a development of holiday cottages. In the garden was an old ice house and Nigel gave us a lecture on the history. Eventually this path leads over fields to reach the beautiful Church Charwelton where the church itself is surrounded by the site of a medieval village and old fish ponds. A fantastic spot which we stood and admired eating Ronald's Werther's sweets, for a while before following the path to reach the old railway and a road into Charwelton. We soon arrived at The Fox and Hounds where we were joined by two more who had not walked. The beer was excellent and the food just wonderful and served promptly, no mean feat for a party of nineteen hungry walkers. Alan Eley did his normal juggling act with a pint of ale and we were soon quietly munching our way through the food. I had a bit of food envy seeing Debbie and Ian's fish and chips but everything served up was good. All too soon we had to get back on our weary feet, pull on mud caked boots and get on along the A361 and over the ancient packhorse bridge over the River Cherwell, burbling its way to the Thames. We walked over the main road and on the path that runs up to and alongside the old Hellidon rail tunnel, a bit on the muddy side but fabulous views all around. We joined a farm track and eventually crossed the tunnel with its Castle like air vents then a couple of fields to reach a track that wends its way between Arbury Hill, the highest point in Northamptonshire at 225 metres and the source of the mighty River Nene. It towers over the neighbouring Sharman's Hill at 224 meters but our path ran between these giants. Over to the South West stands Hellidon Tower on a hill that is 222 metres high. We started to drop down over fields to meet a small road that lead us over the A361 and back into Badby and the cars. A fantastic walk in a very picturesque area and a contender for pub of the year.

Our next walks are as follows:

March 18th Draycote (10 miles) , April 15th Burrow Hill Leicestershire (10 miles)  
May 20th Frankton (9 miles) , June 17th Broadway (9 miles)

**Ray Scrivens**

## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### WEEKLY

| Monday    | Zumba               | 7.00pm | Nicki  | 07887853886  |  |  |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--|--|
| Wednesday | Braunston Art Group | 2.00pm | Nick   | 01788 890764 |  |  |
|           | Yoga                | 7.00pm | Sheila | 01788 891831 |  |  |
| Thursday  | Short Mat Bowls     | 1.45pm | Alan   | 1788 890011  |  |  |
|           | Bingo Club          | 8.00pm | Harry  | 01788 890396 |  |  |

### FORTNIGHTLY

|        |               |        |      |              |
|--------|---------------|--------|------|--------------|
| Monday | Friendly Club | 2.00pm | Gill | 01788 890763 |
| Friday | Youth Club    | 7.00pm | Leah | 01788 891833 |

### MONTHLY

|          |                     |        |         |              |
|----------|---------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| Tuesday  | History Society     | 7.00pm | Annie   | 01788 891179 |
|          | Women's Institute   | 7.30pm | Barbara | 01788 890452 |
| Thursday | Gardens Association | 7.30pm | Kate    | 01788 890340 |
| Saturday | Cinema Club         | 7.30pm | Arthur  | 01788 890508 |

**Pre-School takes place Monday-Friday – [braunstonpreschool.org.uk](http://braunstonpreschool.org.uk)**

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, the Braunston Twinners present their Spring Table Top Sale.

**Pre-warning**, keep your day free on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** from **11.00am** for the **Easter Arts and Crafts Fair** presented by CA Promotions

The Gallie Room is available most weekday afternoons from 1.30pm, it has a kitchen attached to it which makes it ideal for events and meetings.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C. of E. Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident's rates when hiring the hall even if you do not live in the village.

Would you like to start a group in the Village Hall? Do you have any ideas for activities in the Hall? Contact Leyla on 01788 899138

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## NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

### A big thank you to “Your Café”

Jetty Field wishes to say a big **thank you** to the “Your Café” for awarding us a grant of over £400 to make Jetty Field safer. What a fantastic credit to our village this establishment is. We can’t thank the organization enough and it wouldn’t be possible without the wonderful gift of time all their volunteers give to it.

So on:

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9am to 12

We will be laying down 15 tons of aggregate to the top section of the main pathway in Jetty Field. This is to make the pathway much safer throughout the year. This will stop people slipping and sliding their way down this section. We will also be planting the 105 Wild Harvest trees donated by the Woodland Trust. Therefore, we require as many helping hands as possible! Whether these are small hands or big hands all will be very welcome! Of course we will reward everyone with coffee and cakes to keep the energy levels up!

Also, if you would like to join our Jetty Field committee we are always looking for new members. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. Anyone is welcome to join us and input into our plans.

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## FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

| DATE          | EVENT                          | ORGANISATION       |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>March</b>  |                                |                    |
| 11th          | Tree Planting                  | Jetty Field Group  |
| <b>April</b>  |                                |                    |
| 1st           | Spring Quiz                    | Twinners           |
|               | Easter Arts & Crafts Fair      | CA Promotions      |
| 1st           | Braunston Bakes                |                    |
| 8th           | Lent Lunch                     | All Saint's Church |
| <b>May</b>    |                                |                    |
| 6th           | Quiz                           | All Saint's Church |
| 6th           | Braunston at its Best          | Village Hall       |
| 13th          | Marie Curie Afternoon Tea      | Braunston Singers  |
| <b>June</b>   |                                |                    |
| 10th          | Summer Fete                    | All Saint's Church |
| 27th          | National Herb Centre Visit     | BVGA               |
| <b>July</b>   |                                |                    |
| 9th           | Open Gardens                   | BVGA               |
| <b>August</b> |                                |                    |
| 4th           | Car Treasure Hunt              | All Saint's Church |
| <b>Sept</b>   |                                |                    |
| 9th           | Ride & Stride                  | All Saint's Church |
| 23rd          | Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day |                    |
| 23rd          | Last Night of the Proms        | All Saint's Church |
| <b>Oct</b>    |                                |                    |
| 21st          | Quiz                           | All Saint's Church |
| <b>Nov</b>    |                                |                    |
| 4th           | Autumn Fair                    | All Saint's Church |
| <b>Dec</b>    |                                |                    |
| 15th          | Christmas Extravaganza         | All Saint's Church |

**BRAUNSTON CINEMA CLUB**

**Sat Mar 25th 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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## FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

### **They are coming this way.**

In the three or four years I have been writing these nature notes there have been some interesting changes in the bird life around our village. Most spectacular is the arrival of the peregrine falcons that have made their home on our church tower. They seem to be getting ready to raise a new family this spring but it is hard to tell as this species doesn't actually do much nest building merely making a shallow scrape at the nest site high in our church tower.

Other large raptors are now common over the village with both buzzards and red kites far from rare in village skies. Now recent nearby sightings suggest some other exotic visitors may well be heading our way.

These are a collection of stilt legged herons that have been spotted within easy flying distance of Braunston. I have now had several good sightings of egrets on the river Nene at Weedon. As these are drive by sightings I haven't been able to be sure exactly what egrets they are. I think they are little egrets but much depends on size and amazingly there are three of these white herons that they could be. There have been frequent sightings of three different egrets at some of our local reservoirs and gravel pit nature reserves.

Great white egrets are about the same size as our more familiar grey heron. Just to confuse you there is a very rare all-white version of our native grey heron too. The little egret is smaller and far more common. Two other birds need to be considered. Both are much rarer but both have been seen recently on Northamptonshire reserves. They are spoonbill and the great cattle egret. Another heron that has been seen locally is the secretive bittern.

I don't have space here to give all the information you need on these new visitors. More than 25 years ago I travelled to Poole harbour to see the first wild little egrets that had arrived from Brittany. Now, I hope, it won't be long before I'll be watching them on our village watersides.

**Peter Frost**

# Purple4Polio



Braunston Village Gardens Association has linked up with **Danetre Rotary Club** to plant 5000 purple crocus bulbs around Braunston for the Purple4Polio campaign.

We hope that they are growing and flowering for the village to enjoy  
Thank you everyone for your help.

Look for crocus flowering in Jetty Field, the playing field, the scout hut garden, the village hall car park, The Green, the churchyard and other gardens around Braunston.



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## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### Braunston Women's Institute



**Next Meeting:-**  
**Tuesday March 7th** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Peggy Thorneycroft will be telling us about her childhood in Braunston. This should be an interesting and nostalgic account and bring back lots of memories to anyone else who grew up in Braunston. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

Contact. Barbara on 01788 890452

### Braunston Friendly Club

#### Next Meetings:-

#### **Monday 13th March**

2pm The Gallie Room in Village Hall - We will be entertained with poems by Tony Lintern.

#### **Monday 27th March**

2pm The Gallie Room in Village Hall Joan Wood will help us make Easter Cards and Gifts.

Gill 890763

**Braunston Fishing Club BINGO**  
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**TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-**  
Mrs Leyla Clayson  
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### RAINFALL— 2016/2017

All in mms

|       | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------|------|------|------|
| Jan   | 53   | 72   | 55   |
| Feb   | 31   | 37   |      |
| Mar   | 25   | 79   |      |
| Apr   | 14   | 43   |      |
| May   | 45   | 33   |      |
| Jun   | 25   | 68   |      |
| Jul   | 48   | 8    |      |
| Aug   | 44   | 60   |      |
| Sep   | 33   | 43   |      |
| Oct   | 48   | 16   |      |
| Nov   | 61   | 74   |      |
| Dec   | 72   | 21   |      |
| Total |      |      |      |
| mm    | 499  | 554  |      |
| ins   | 19.6 | 21.8 |      |

Information provided by Rob Buckley

Braunston Women's Institute would  
like to thank you for  
**SHOWING THE LOVE** on  
**Valentine's Day.**



**GREEN HEARTS** were appearing across the village in February, we hope that you saw them.

**WI members** made green hearts at home and at their Monday Craft Club. Then wore them and displayed them on Valentine's Day as well as beforehand at their February meeting.

**The Village Hall's** green heart celebrated the love for local organisations.

**BVGA members** discussed the significance of tree planting at their annual meal in February and completed green hearts with key things that they would not like to lose because of climate change.

**Parish Councillors** have been making green hearts too. Perhaps you saw the hearts on display.

**Braunston cubs** thought about the reasons for making their green hearts.

**Friendly Club** members were eating green heart biscuits at their film afternoon.

**Kids Club** were making green hearts that you could eat as well as wear and ensured all the congregation were ready to discuss climate change issues too.

**Please let us know what hearts you made** by contacting Kate Mawer [mawerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mawerk@hotmail.co.uk) and/or **send a photo.**

For more information about ...

**Braunston WI** contact Barbara Bury 01788 890452

The Northamptonshire Federation of WI's **Campaigns and Concerns committee** contact Kate Mawer 01788 890340.

A selection of hearts on the page opposite and elsewhere in the magazine!



Laura Cooper



2nd Braunston Cubs



Women's Institute



2nd Braunston Cubs

## **PARISH NURSE INTRODUCTION**

Hello, I'm Maggie the Parish Nurse for the community of Braunston. If you are wondering what a parish nurse is, I will seek to explain in a few short paragraphs.

A parish nurse is a registered nurse employed by the church to help promote the health of the community in which he or she works. The parish nurse isn't a replacement for the district nurse or social care but to complement existing services.

In my role, I am able to offer monitoring such us routine blood pressure, observations, weight checks, nutritional, falls and medications advice. I also offer support to families and carers. If a person required wound dressings or injections, the district nurse would do that.

Although employed by the church my remit is for the whole community, no matter what faith or no faith. Parish nursing is all about holistic care and parish nurses have time to give support for emotional and spiritual needs as well as physical which is very difficult for district nurses due to time constraints. I know this very well having worked as a District nurse for over 20 years and latterly as a practice nurse in a GP practice.

Already over these past two months, I have been able to give support after hospital discharge to patients and carers, to refer patients to GPs, social work, occupational therapy, housing and voluntary agencies.

Being able to give people this extra support is a privilege and I am grateful to the people of Braunston who have been so welcoming and for the church who employ me to help care for the community with no cost to the NHS, especially Reverend Sarah and Joanne Gibson who have initiated and organised this project and supported me so well in this role, as well as Jane Moore and Geoff in the steering group. Here are my contact details if you wish to get in contact: I work 2 days per week usually Wednesday and Thursday.

email. [parishnurse@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk](mailto:parishnurse@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk)

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Look forward to hearing from you or meeting you even if it's just to say hello.

Maggie

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Ever since our Branch was formed in 1928 our Standard, dedicated in 1929, has been borne by a series of Standard Bearers proudly leading and representing our Branch of The Royal British Legion. John Berry and more recently Jack Edwards have carried out this duty for the last 50 years but anno domini catches up with them as it does with our remaining active members. We are, therefore, looking for someone within the district (which comprises Braunston, Barby, Welton, Kilsby and Ashby ) who is willing to take over as Standard Bearer. Membership of the Legion is open to anyone over the age of 18 years. The job is likely to appeal to someone who has genuine interest in our armed forces and the work the RBL does in supporting ex-service personnel and their families and who is prepared periodically to give a little of their time and talents. Anyone who is interested should get in touch with us and we can go into a little bit more detail.

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Branch will be at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on Tuesday 14th March at 1.30pm.

The March luncheon will be at The Sporting Club, Barby, at Midday on the 22nd.

Tony Saunderson  
Tel. No. 01788 890797





**Do you need a helping hand with small jobs and errands?**

**Would you like to meet new people and make friends?**

Residents of the local community are urged to get in touch with the Braunston Good Neighbours scheme.

The free service is here to help with the little things – be it collecting a pension or repeat prescription, walking a dog, providing a lift to the shops, or just changing a light bulb. It is manned by local volunteers who are happy to give their time to help others in the village.

**Please come along to Braunston Village Hall on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to find out more about this fantastic scheme.**

**Maybe be a volunteer, join the steering group or share your ideas for the community.**

**Hope to see you there – Laura Cooper  
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## **BVN Deadline - April 2017 Edition**

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